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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Please do not dismantle the 1996 Telecommunications Act. This letter in favor of more broadband competition. Do not grant the USTelecom petition to hurt competition in my area and all over the United States.

I'm a residential DSL subscriber caught between AT&T's horrible near monopoly service and Comcast the company with the least favorable customer satisfaction ratings in America. We need more competition. Local broadband providers give us this. I am very happy to use Sonic.net's service for my work and home.

Regional and national monopolies have made broadband slow and uncompetitive in America.

My providers (Sonic) uses unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace.

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